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Dear Interested Party:

Mineral Ridge Gold LLC., has submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tonopah Field Office (TFO) an Amended Plan of Operations for an increase in the current plan of operations boundary, the expansion of 2 existing mining pits, the addition of or changes to 8 waste rock disposal areas, an increase in the ore stacking height on the existing leach pad, and the rerouting of an existing powerline. These actions would occur on 229 acres of BLM-administered Federal lands and 392 acres of adjacent private lands located near Silver Peak in Esmeralda County, Nevada.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the BLM, TFO has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of Mineral Ridge Gold's proposal. The EA evaluates the probable direct, indirect and cumulative impacts associated with the proposal and identifies, describes and evaluates resource protection measures designed to mitigate their effects.

The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period. The 30-day comment period begins on December 23, 2013 and will close on January 21, 2014. Written comments received during this period will be considered during the decision-making process. The EA may be accessed through a link under "Links of Interest" on the Battle Mountain District's webpage at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html.

Scroll to the bottom of the "Links of Interest" page and click on the "National NEPA Register Page" link. On this page, there will be a series of dropdowns. From left to right, select "Nevada", then "NV-Tonopah FO", "EA", "2014" and "Minerals". Then click on "Search". Scroll down to the table of projects and click on the left hand column under the NEPA # "DOI-BLM-NV-B020-2014-0002-EA." A project page will then appear which provides a link to the document. Printed copies of the EA are available at the Tonopah Field Office, 1553 S. Main Street, Tonopah, NV.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request that the BLM withhold personal identifying information from public review, the BLM

cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. If you wish us to withhold your personal information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety

If you have any questions or to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Leighandra Keeven, Project Lead, or Mark Ennes, Assistant Field Manager, Non-Renewable Resources at the above address or at (775) 482-7800

Sincerely,

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